(b) the details of heritage sites proposed to be developed during the year 2005-06 through foreign assistance particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the funds received by Government from foreign countries and international agencies for the development of these sites?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The work relating to Jaisalmer Fort at an estimated cost of Rs. 600.00 lakhs (in collaboration with World Monument Fund), Taj Mahal at an estimated cost of 157.00 lakhs (in collaboration with Indian Hotels Ltd.), Jantar Mantar at an estimated cost of 104.00 lakhs (in collaboration with Park Hotel), etc. were under development in the period under reference.

(b) Works on the above mentioned sites are being continued in 2005-06. Besides, Lodhi Garden Tomb in collaboration with Steel Authority of India Limited and Safdarjung Tomb using the interest accrued on the investment of the corpus fund of the NCF are proposed to be undertaken in the current year. In so far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, there is no proposal for any foreign assistance for development of heritage sites at present.

(c) Foreign funding is limited to Jaisalmer Fort for which World Monument Fund had contributed an amount equivalent to Rs. 599.00 lakhs

Kannada as classical language

454. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sanskrit has been accorded the status of classical language;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that Kannada language has the history of 1600 years;

(c) whether the State Government has requested to accord classical language status of Kannada language; and

(d) if so, the status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee of Linguistic Experts constituted for the purpose will look into the matter.

(c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Karnataka has sent a representation in this regard.

(d) The Committee of Experts will look into the proposal.

Sale of surplus land of sick PSEs

†455. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell surplus land of the sick Public Sector Enterprises under his Ministry to improve their condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's policy regarding sale of surplus land and the estimated amount to be received as a result thereof industry-wise;

(d) whether Government have prepared any action plan to improve condition of the Public Sector Enterprises by the money so earned;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, by when an action plan would be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (f) Policy of the Government on Public Sector envisages that while every effort will be made to modernize/restructure sick public sector companies and revive sick industry, chronically loss making companies will either be sold off, or closed, after all workers have got their legitimate dues and compensation. Accordingly a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) has been constituted to make recommendations on the revivability and future of the PSEs. In order to revive the sick PSEs, Revival Plans are prepared and considered by BRPSE on a case to case basis. Government would support revival plans if the funds requirement could be met out of disposal of surplus land. No overall estimate of land proceeds can be made as the land available in many PSEs under this Department is leased land/

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.